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eye openers

CHOICES

Reading 'Fifty Shades of Grey' Stirred Up Too Many Questions

A zookeeper in Poland keeps two orangutans calm in the evenings by reading them bedtime stories. The Sun reported Tuesday that keeper Michael Krause reads Jane Austen or Charles Dickens to Albert for at least a half hour to help him sleep better at night. Albert's playful partner, Raya, prefers German fiction, thrillers and drama. Before the idea for the nightly readings began, the primates would always cause trouble. (EXPRESS)

GIFT IDEAS

"It pulls together two of FHM's favorite things: bikini babes and zombies."

— BLOG POST ON A ZOMBIE SWIMSUIT CALENDAR BY THE EDITORS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN VERSION OF FHM MAGAZINE, THE U.K. WEBSITE WEB ORANGE NEWS REPORTED TUESDAY

ADOPTION

'I Love My New Stray Kitty, But She Tends to Eat a Lot'

An Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife spokesman Brian Wolfer said a cougar entered a Dexter home through a dog door last month but left when the homeowner called her dog, KATU.com reported Monday. Wolfer added that the homeowner said she wasn't too worried about the incident. (EXPRESS)

The Big Picture

'THE ROYAL GROUNDSKEEPERS ARE SLACKING, I SEE': Queen Elizabeth II meets a camouflaged sniper from the Household Cavalry at Combermere Barracks in Windsor, England, on Monday.

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GPS-Like IDs in Schools Criticized

Badges that monitor students spur debate over privacy, religion

Austin, Texas

To 15-year-old Andrea Hernandez, the tracking microchip embedded in her student ID card is a "mark of the beast," sacrilege to her Christian faith — not to mention how it pinpoints her location, even in the school bathroom.

But to her San Antonio school district, those chips carry a potential \$1.7 million in classroom funds. In Texas, school funding is based on daily attendance. The more students seated in homeroom, the more state dollars the school receives.

Starting this fall, the district in Texas is experimenting with a \$261,000 program that uses "locator" chips in student ID badges at John Jay High School and Anson Jones Middle School, allowing administrators to track the whereabouts of 4,200 students with GPS-like precision. Hernandez's refusal to participate has launched a debate over privacy and religion



Anson Jones Middle School eighth-grader Tira Starr shows her microchip-embedded ID badge. Inset: A computer screen uses the GPS-like badges to monitor students.

"How often do you see an issue where the ACLU and Christian fundamentalists come together?"

— CHRIS STEINBACH, CHIEF OF STAFF FOR REPUBLICAN REP. LOIS KOLKHORST, WHO FILED A BILL TO OUTLAW USE OF GPS-LIKE TECHNOLOGY IN TEXAS SCHOOLS

that has forged rare like-mindedness between religious and civil liberties groups.

"Are we creating a generation that is going to be acclimated to that kind of government tracking? Is that really something we want to do in America?" said Jay Stanley, senior policy analyst with the American Civil Liberties Union, to a San Antonio website Monday.

When Hernandez and her par-

The 'Next Wave?'

The concept to use radio-frequency identification transmitters in school badges isn't new, but it hasn't exactly caught on nationwide. In 2005, the American Civil Liberties Union raised concerns about a similar initiative at a California school. That same year, a suburban Houston school district began putting the chips in its student IDs. Ronald Stephens, executive director of the non-profit National School Safety Center, predicted "it'll be the next wave" in schools. (AP)

ents balked at the SmartID, the school agreed to remove the chip but still required her to wear the badge. The family refused on religious grounds, stating in a lawsuit that wearing the badge was tantamount to "submission of a false god" because it still indicated her participation.

On Wednesday, a judge is expected to decide whether Northside Independent School District can transfer her to a different campus.

PAUL J. WEBER (AP)



Smoke-Screen: A federal judge Tuesday ordered tobacco companies to publish corrective statements that say they lied about the dangers of smoking and that disclose smoking's health effects, including the death of an average of 1,200 people a day. Each corrective ad is to be prefaced by a statement that a federal court has concluded that the defendant tobacco companies "deliberately deceived the American public about the health effects of smoking." (AP)



Clash
An anonymous Florida man has sued the ex-Elmo puppeteer who resigned amid sex allegations, saying Kevin Clash met him in New York after trolling gay telephone chat lines seeking underage boys for sex. The lawsuit seeking unspecified damages was filed Tuesday. (AP)

HARRISBURG, PA.
Big Changes Suggested For Pa. Child-Abuse Laws

Pennsylvania should enact sweeping changes to its child-abuse laws, the Pennsylvania Task Force on Child Protection said Tuesday after a year of study prompted by Jerry Sandusky's arrest on molestation charges. (AP)

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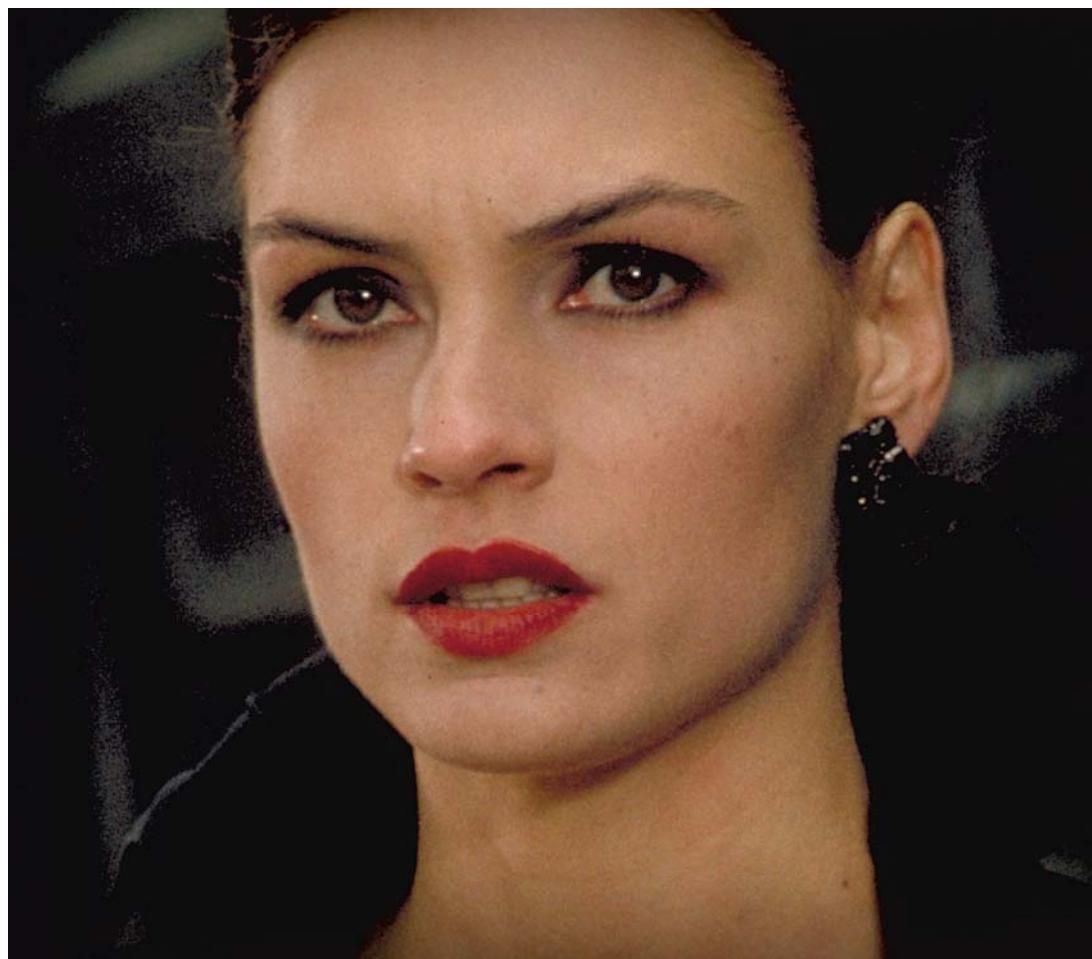
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Nation



Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., center; Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H., left; and Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., right, speak Tuesday after meeting with U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice.

GOP Senators Still Critical of Rice

Lawmakers: Meeting with the ambassador hasn't resolved issues

Washington

Three GOP senators said Tuesday they are more troubled than ever with comments made days after the deadly Sept. 11 raid in Libya by Susan Rice, the U.N. ambassador and President Barack Obama's possible choice for secretary of state.

Sens. John McCain, Lindsey Graham and Kelly Ayotte met privately with Rice and acting CIA Director Michael Morell on her explanations of the attack on the U.S. diplomatic post in Benghazi, Libya, that killed a U.S. ambassador and three other Americans.

Rice told the lawmakers that the initial assessment of the cause of the attack five days later was wrong. The senators were not mollified.

"We are significantly troubled by many of the answers that we got and some that we didn't get concerning evidence that was lead-

Still in the Running



Despite lingering questions over her response to the Benghazi attack, Susan Rice has emerged as the front-runner on a short list of candidates to succeed Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, with Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., seen as her closest competition. Rice will meet Wednesday with Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee, who is in line to become the top Republican on the Foreign Relations Committee, and Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine. (AP)

ing up to the attack," McCain said.

The three insisted that they need more information about the Libyan raid before they even consider Rice as a replacement for Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

White House spokesman Jay Carney said there were "no unanswered questions about ... the talking points that she used." BRADLEY KLAPPER AND DONNA CASSATA (AP)

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The amount ConAgra Foods is paying to buy Ralcorp, which will expand its stake in the growing market for cereals, crackers and other packaged foods sold under private labels. The deal announced Tuesday caps a year of acquisitions for ConAgra and makes it the nation's biggest maker of store-brand foods. (AP)



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World

In Brief

PARIS

France Plans to Back Palestinian Bid at U.N.

France announced Tuesday that it plans to vote in favor of recognizing a Palestinian state at the U.N. General Assembly this week. With the announcement, France became the first major European country to come out in favor, dealing a setback to Israel. The timing of the announcement appears aimed at swaying other European nations. (AP)

MEXICO CITY

Slain Beauty Queen Was Holding Gun, Report Says

Beauty queen Maria Susana Flores Gamez had a gun in her hands when she was killed in a hail of gunfire Saturday, Mexican soldiers said, according to a military report released Tuesday. The gunmen she was purportedly with lined up behind her as they emerged from vehicles and engaged in a shootout with soldiers, suggesting she may have been used as a human shield. (AP)

LONDON

U.K.: Sex-Abuse Claims Against Official Ignored

A late politician who sexually abused young boys in the 1960s should have been prosecuted, British prosecutors said Tuesday. The Crown Prosecution Service said eight men filed allegations against Cyril Smith in 1970, saying he assaulted them as teens, but charges were never brought. Smith died in 2010. (AP)

BAGHDAD

Wave of Attacks Kills 30

Insurgents launched attacks against security forces and civilians in central and northern Iraq on Tuesday, killing at least 30 people and wounding dozens, officials said. Shiite mosques in Baghdad were main targets, as was Kirkuk, a large, oil-rich city claimed by squabbling ethnic groups in a disputed region. (AP)



Losing Face: The People's Daily, the official newspaper of the Chinese Communist Party, appears to have been fooled by the satirical Onion newspaper. The non-satirical Daily on Tuesday trumpeted the Onion's announcement earlier this month that named North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un its "sexiest man alive" in 2012. The state-run paper reproduced most of the Onion article on the "Pyongyang-bred heartthrob." (THE WASHINGTON POST)



A protester prepares to lob a tear gas canister back at police Tuesday near Tahrir Square, which was the epicenter of Egypt's revolution and has filled again with protesters.

Dissent Churns in Egypt

200K protesters fill Tahrir Square, this time against Morsi

Cairo

More than 200,000 people thronged Cairo's central Tahrir Square, protesting against Egypt's Islamist president Tuesday in an opposition show of strength, as the standoff over Mohammed Morsi's assertion of near-absolute powers escalated into the biggest challenge yet to his and the Muslim Brotherhood's rule.

Chanting and waving flags, the

massive crowd in the iconic plaza rivaled in size some of the large protests of last year's uprising that drove autocrat Hosni Mubarak from office. The same chants used against Mubarak were now turned against Egypt's first freely elected leader.

"The people want to bring down the regime," and "erhal, erhal" — Arabic for "leave, leave" — rang across the square.

Protests in Tahrir and several other cities Tuesday were sparked by edicts issued by Morsi last week that effectively neutralized the judiciary. But it turned into a broader outpouring of anger against Morsi

U.S. Keeps Quiet

With options limited, the Obama administration is keeping its faith in Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi, who emerged as America's key partner in working toward peace between the Jewish state and the Hamas leaders of the Gaza Strip this month, only to immediately cash in on his new political capital by seizing more power at home. The U.S. reaction is being closely watched internationally; so far, administration officials insist Morsi's internal maneuvering hasn't dampened their assessment of him. (AP)

and the Muslim Brotherhood, who opponents say have used election victories to monopolize power, squeeze out rivals and dictate a new, Islamist constitution.

Clashes broke out in several cities as protesters tried to attack offices of the Brotherhood, including in the Nile Delta city of Mahalla el-Kobra, where at least 100 people were injured.

Laila Salah, a housewife who attended the Tahrir protest, said Tuesday that after Mubarak, Egyptians would no longer consent to an autocrat.

"It's like a wife whose husband was beating her and then she divorces him and becomes free," she said. "If she remarries she'll never accept another day of abuse."

MAGGIE MICHAEL AND SARAH EL DEEB (AP)

Syria Bombs Olive Oil Factory, Killing at Least 20

Beirut

Syrian warplanes bombed an olive oil factory packed with farmers Tuesday, killing at least 20 people in the latest regime strike to rip through a crowd of civilians, activists said.

Two anti-regime activist groups, the Britain-based Syrian Observato-

ry for Human Rights and the Local Coordination Committees, said the factory was hit Tuesday near the northern city of Idlib.

Olive oil is a staple in Syria, with tens of thousands of tons produced annually.

It was not immediately clear whether the olive press was the intended target. There was no

official reaction to the latest allegations.

The bombing comes as the civil war takes a devastating toll on an already beleaguered population. Human Rights Watch said it found "compelling evidence" that the regime used cluster bombs earlier this week in an airstrike that killed at least 11 children. (AP)



ECONOMY

Best Get a Bike

Investors are driving up the prices for parking spaces in Hong Kong. Over the weekend, a developer sold about 500 parking spots for up to \$167,000 per space. Parking prices are nearing historic highs due to the side effect of government efforts to cool the housing market. (AP)

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Weekend Work to Affect 3 Lines

Agency maintenance projects will close two Red Line stations

Washington

The transit authority is planning maintenance and reconstruction work on the Red, Orange and Green lines this weekend. On segments of the Orange and Green lines, trains will share tracks around work zones. But on the Red Line, two stations will be shut, and shuttle buses will bridge the gap.

All the disruptions are scheduled to begin at 10 p.m. Friday and continue through midnight Sunday.

Red Line

The Silver Spring and Takoma stations will be closed. Free shuttle buses will replace trains between Fort Totten and Forest Glen.

On Friday and Saturday nights, the last Red Line train from Glenmont will leave at 2:05 a.m., 32 minutes earlier than normal, Metro said. The last train from Fort Totten to Shady Grove will leave at 2:50 a.m., stopping at Metro Center at 3:06 a.m. and arriving at Shady Grove at 3:40 a.m., Metro said.

On Sunday night, the last Red Line train from Glenmont will leave at 11:05 p.m.. The last train from Fort Totten to Shady Grove will leave at 11:50 p.m.

Holiday Deaths

Thirteen people were killed on Virginia roadways during the five-day Thanksgiving holiday weekend, a slight increase over the previous two years, according to Virginia State Police. Police said that of those 13, three were pedestrians. (TWP)

Orange Line

Trains will share tracks between Stadium-Armory and Cheverly and between East Falls Church and West Falls Church. They will operate every 24 minutes between the ends of the line at Vienna and New Carrollton.

If you're traveling through downtown D.C., remember that the Blue Line shares the tunnel in that area, so trains will arrive more frequently between Rosslyn and Stadium-Armory.

Green Line

Trains will share a track between Greenbelt and College Park. Every other train will use College Park, rather than Greenbelt, as its terminal. Between College Park and Branch Avenue, trains will operate on their normal weekend schedules. But add about 10 minutes of travel time between College Park and Greenbelt. ROBERT THOMSON (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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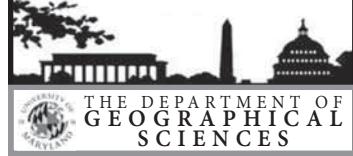


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In Brief

WASHINGTON

National Zoo Opens Solar-Powered Carousel

The Smithsonian's National Zoo has opened a new solar-powered carousel with hand-carved, hand-painted figures representing many endangered animals. The Speedwell Foundation, a private family foundation based in Summit, N.J., donated \$1.5 million of the \$2.3 million cost to build the carousel. A zoo spokeswoman says donations covered the remainder. The ride costs \$3 a person. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Man Sentenced to 120 Days for Killing Puppy

A District of Columbia man has been sentenced to 120 days in jail for killing a puppy. Sean Delontay Branch, 24, was sentenced Tuesday in Superior Court of the District of Columbia. He pleaded guilty to felony cruelty of animals in September. The U.S. attorney's office says Branch dropped a cement slab that weighed more than 90 pounds on King Tut, a 6-month-old puppy that was asleep and tied to a fence in June. Prosecutors say Branch was angry at the puppy's owner. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Helicopter to be Displayed Outside of D.C. Armory

A helicopter that helped with Hurricane Katrina relief efforts is set to be installed in front of the D.C. Armory in southeast Washington. The helicopter is expected to arrive Wednesday on a flatbed truck and will be moved into position with a crane. The helicopter is part of the D.C. Army National Guard inventory. In addition to its service during Hurricane Katrina, the helicopter was also used on border-patrol assignments before being retired. (AP)

The Lotteries

Tuesday, Nov. 27

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	6-2-9
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	7-6-8
Mid-day Pick 4	0-1-3-1
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	4-3-9-3
Match 5 (Mon.)	7-13-15-19-29 (14)

Norton Fights for D.C. Flag

Delegate still pushing for city's colors to fly at military functions

Washington

With Congress back in session, Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton, D-D.C., plans to turn up the pressure on her colleagues to approve legislation requiring the flags of the District and U.S. territories to be displayed at military ceremonies where the flags of all 50 states are flown.

Norton's office said she would lead a series of "special order" speeches Wednesday on the House



The District of Columbia flag is not displayed at most military ceremonies.

floor after the chamber concludes its regular legislative business, with delegates from U.S. territories also expected to participate.

Their goal is to encourage the Senate to include in the 2013

defense authorization bill the same language the House has passed on the subject.

The issue came to Norton's attention when she was contacted by the family of U.S. Navy Seaman Jonathan Rucker, a District native. His mother, an investigator with the District's Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department, was frustrated that the D.C. flag wasn't displayed during her son's graduation ceremony at Naval Station Great Lakes in North Chicago.

Norton also wants President Barack Obama to direct all federal agencies to display the D.C. flag alongside those of the states.

BEN PERSHING (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Colleges to Recruit KIPP Alumni

Washington

Twenty colleges and universities, including some of the nation's most prestigious, have pledged in the past year to recruit more students from a prominent charter school network that focuses on educating the rural and urban poor.

The latest are Georgetown and Trinity Washington universities in the District. On Tuesday, they announced partnerships with the charter network called the Knowledge Is Power Program, or KIPP, in an effort to help more disadvantaged students get college degrees.

The signed pledges, unusual in the competitive world of college admissions, set recruiting targets and establish a detailed framework for cooperation, seeking to create a pipeline to college for KIPP's mostly black and Latino students.



Trinity President Patricia McGuire, left, sits with communications student Yasmeen Newman, 20, who attended the KIPP D.C. Key Academy before Trinity.

The agreements lay out an explicit quid pro quo: KIPP will promote the 20 colleges among its 39,000 students nationwide, and in exchange, the colleges will

identify and recruit top KIPP students, help those who have financial need and ensure those who enroll stay on track to graduate.

NICK ANDERSON (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	1-6-2	Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	9-9-2-1
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	0-3-5	Mid-day Cash 5 (Tues.)	7-8-13-15-24
Mid-day DC 4	3-7-6-4	Mid-day Pick 4	3-1-2-8
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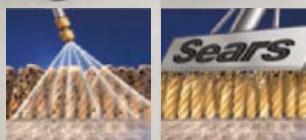
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Cover Story



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Don't Leave Your Lottery Pool to Chance

Friends, family or co-workers who pool their lottery ticket purchases shouldn't have a problem as long as everyone is on the same page. Here are some tips to keep your lottery pool running smoothly:

1. Agree on the rules. Decide on a buy-in amount and how the winnings would be split. An oral agreement is okay, but officials say putting a plan in writing and signing it is a safer bet.

2. Designate a pool manager who is responsible for purchasing and safeguarding the tickets.

3. Make photocopies of the purchased tickets for everyone in the group.

4. Decide if the pool manager would claim the winning ticket or if the entire group wants to claim it. All winners do not need to be present as long as required proof of identification is provided for each person.

(THE WASHINGTON POST)

As Luck Will Have It

The historic Powerball jackpot has climbed

to \$500 million. The potentially life-changing fortune is all part of a plan lottery officials put in place early this year to build jackpots faster, drive sales and generate more money for states that run the game. There has been no Powerball winner since Oct. 6. But before shelling out \$2 for a ticket, here are some things to consider:

It Won't Go on Forever

It's the gambler's mantra: Somebody's gotta win, so why not me?

The first part is true; somebody will win the Powerball jackpot.

Chuck Strutt, executive director of Multi-State Lottery Association, predicts there's about a 60 percent chance it'll happen Wednesday — maybe better if there's a flurry of last-minute purchasers.

The jackpot already has defied long odds by rolling over 16 consecutive times without anyone hitting the big prize, which stands at \$500 million (\$327 million cash value).

Many Could Win

Should you win the jackpot, there's a good chance you'll have to share: The odds of someone winning increase as the ticket sales do. So

do the odds of duplicate tickets, especially for people who choose their own numbers.

University of Akron math professor Tim Norfolk predicts that if there is a winner, there will be multiple ones, because mathematical theory shows that numbers have a way of clustering.

That played out in March, when three tickets split the world-



It's conceivable you could win Wednesday night's drawing, just not the right one: In addition to the official one televised nationally from Tallahassee, Fla., there are four practice runs. The reason? To make sure the machines are running properly and the numbers are being distributed properly. The game uses 59 white balls and 35 red balls, which are regularly measured, weighed and X-rayed. Then they're locked up in a room that's under 24/7 surveillance. (AP)

record \$656 million Mega Millions jackpot.

One ticket holds Powerball's current record of \$365 million in 2006, shared by several ConAgra Foods Workers in Lincoln, Neb.

'It's Worth a Chance'

Experts say a majority of Americans will play some lottery game at least once in a given year.

Clyde Barrow, director of the Center for Policy Analysis at UMass-Dartmouth, says gambling often increases as the economy worsens and people have less disposable income.

However, his research — which focused mainly on New England — found that the trend reversed in the latest downturn.

"The Great Recession has been so deep and so long, it's suppressed any kind of discretionary spending across the board," said Barrow, who added that about the same percentage of people are playing the lottery — they're just buying fewer tickets.

Strutt, Powerball's executive director, said sales largely stayed flat during the peak of the recession in 2008 and 2009 but picked up since.

"Our biggest factor is gas prices," he said. "If people go to a gas station and put 80 bucks of gas in their car, they're not feeling happy to buy a lottery ticket."

Barrow says it's no secret that it's not a prudent investment to regularly buy lottery tickets, but he said he'll likely join the throngs of ticket buyers.

"It's worth a chance," he said. "What else am I going to do with that \$2? I'll just waste it on something else." JEFF McMURRAY (AP)

Chances Are ...

1 in 175M

The odds of winning the Powerball jackpot. (AP)

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The odds of being killed by a vending machine, according to statistics reported by the International Business Times. (EXPRESS)

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Nir Levy, left, Adam Hammerman, center, and Jonathan Waksman, all 19 and of Rockville, Md., cover their heads with bags as they watch a losing Wizards team on Monday.

In Brief

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Former Players Union Head Miller Dead at 95



Marvin Miller, the union leader who created free agency for baseball players and revolutionized professional sports with multimillion-dollar contracts,

died Tuesday. He had been diagnosed with liver cancer in August. He was 95. In his 16 years as executive director of the Major League Players Association, starting in 1966, Miller fought owners on many fronts, winning free agency for the players in December 1975. (AP)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

ACC Sues UMd. Over \$53M Conference Exit Fee

The Atlantic Coast Conference has filed a lawsuit against Maryland seeking full payment of the approximately \$53 million exit fee for the school's move to the Big Ten. In the lawsuit, the ACC claims the school must pay \$52,266,342, which is three times the league's operating budget for the 2012-13 season. The lawsuit also alleges that Maryland President Wallace D. Loh has "refused to provide assurance" that the school will pay the exit fee and "has made it clear that defendant Maryland does not intend to pay the amount." (AP)

Why Are You Here?

Wizards fans keep showing up, even as team tanks mightily

Wizards

It's just that simple: Nolan Walter is here at the arena, and the woeful Washington Wizards' fortunes are about to change.

He's the ultimate Wizards fan, dressed in retro Bullets cap and Wiz jersey in the old teal and gold. The Wizards don't know it, but he's their lucky charm — they've won every time he's been in the building over the past two years.

"I've been watching them since I was 9, in 2000," says Walter, who lives in Howard County and is studying to be a math teacher. "I just keep thinking they're going to get good."

"He says that all the time," says his girlfriend, Victoria Herr, who bought him a pair of tickets to Monday night's game as an anniversary gift.

This year's start — winless after the first month of play — is the worst in franchise history, the previous record having been set last year, which began with eight losses.

Still, the Wizards draw thousands of hardy fans every time they play. Sure, some of those fans have scored unimaginable bargains, grabbing tickets off StubHub for \$2. Yes, \$2. Others are the 8,000 season-ticket holders, who paid big money for their seats and want to see how their investment is panning out.

Wizards fans have been loyal, renewing season plans at a rate above the league average.

Blatche Speaks

During a radio interview on 106.7 The Fan on Tuesday, former Wizard Andray Blatche lashed back at the Wizards for what he perceives as a lack of support in his final years with the franchise. "To be honest with you, me being amnestied from that team, that was one of the biggest things to help me," the Nets backup center said. "Now I'm in a whole different organization. A different part of my life, that I'm going to be able to succeed in. It's over for me in D.C. I know that." (TWP)



Attendance is down a bit, averaging 15,710 through five home games, 21st among the league's 30 teams. In the past four seasons, when they failed to make the playoffs, the Wizards sold about 1,000 fewer tickets per game than in the previous four years, when they got to the postseason.



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Rob Watson bought his first season ticket in October, after John Wall went down with a knee injury, after sportswriters dismissed any chance that the Wizards would play like anything other than the Wizards.

A chef at Rockville's American Tap Room, Watson, 40, scraped together the \$450 and paid for Seat 13 in installments. The action is far below and not very good, but he has never felt closer.

"I've invested in this team," says Watson, who has been a fan since his uncle took him to a Bullets game in 1977. "Some investments don't pan out, I know. But it still feels good to say you're a season-ticket holder."

(THE WASHINGTON POST)

TV Lineup

SOCER (2:55 P.M., ESPN2) West Ham travels to Old Trafford to face Manchester United in the Barclay's Premier League.

GW HOOPS (7 P.M., NBCSN) The Colonials travel to tip against James Madison in a quasi-local matchup.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M., ESPN2) Virginia is in Madison to take on Wisconsin in the ACC-Big Ten Challenge.

COLLEGE HOOPS (9:30 P.M., ESPN) No. 2 Duke hosts No. 4 Ohio State in a blockbuster matchup in Durham.

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D.C. United President Payne Steps Down

Franchise stalwart leaves team after 17 years at the helm

D.C. United

Kevin Payne, D.C. United's hands-on executive since Major League Soccer's most decorated club was launched in 1996, has stepped down as club president and will join another team in the league, the team announced Tuesday.

Payne, 59, was instrumental in the organization gaining a foothold in the Washington sports market and supervised the team's dominance in the league's early days.

Redskins' Taylor Still a Presence

Redskins

Five years can be an eternity, but no one — from present-day members of the Washington Redskins to University of Miami players to Pee Wee players in South Florida — has forgotten Sean Taylor.

Last month, just before the Redskins hosted the Carolina Panthers at FedEx Field, Sean Taylor's father Pedro was invited to join the team in a pregame huddle. That weekend, Sean Taylor, who died after a shooting in his Florida home five years ago Tuesday, was honored as one of the 80 greatest Redskins. Pedro Taylor accepted the honor, along with Jackie, Sean's now 6-year-old daughter.

In Pittsburgh, Ryan Clark, a former Redskins teammate who now plays for the Steelers, had Taylor on his mind first thing Monday morning and tweeted: "Morning!! Remembering & honoring a great man, father and football player!! R.I.P my friend!! Love you Sean!"

25 The number of games that Phillies catcher Carlos Ruiz will be suspended for next season, following a positive test for an amphetamine. The 33-year-old was an All-Star for the first time this year when he hit .325 with 16 homers and 68 RBIs. (AP)

For years, United's primary investors were uninvolved and deferred to Payne to run the club and speak of their behalf. He was, in essence, the team's unofficial owner and, for 10 years, led an unsuccessful effort to build a new stadium in the metro area.

But a new investment group has taken a more active and visible role since the summer acquisition of the team's operating rights and will now spearhead talks with the city and developers on a stadium project at Buzzard Point in Southwest D.C.

News of Payne's departure came nine days after United was eliminated from the Eastern Conference finals, the club's first playoff appearance in five years.



Kevin Payne is reportedly headed to Toronto FC after leaving D.C. United.

The new president is likely to focus on business operations,

granting greater autonomy to general manager Dave Kasper and coach Ben Olsen to handle roster decisions.

"They say the only constant in life is change. For me, D.C. United has been like my child. We brought the team into the D.C. and national sports world 17 years ago and every day since — good and bad — has been a labor of love," Payne said.

"This team has provided many great memories of championships and historic accomplishments, but I will best remember the people I've had the chance to meet, to work with, strive with, celebrate with, and sometimes to share disappointment with."

"His loyalty to the team and me is something for which I'll always be indebted."

BEN OLSEN, D.C. UNITED HEAD COACH, WHO ALSO PLAYED 12 SEASONS FOR THE CLUB UNDER PAYNE.

Payne is reportedly headed to north to Toronto FC.

"To the players, coaches, co-workers and fans, I can only say thank you so much for the great privilege of having been part of the D.C. United family," he said.

STEVEN GOFF (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Sean Taylor is greeted by the FedEx Field crowd after a 2005 victory over the 49ers.

At the University of Miami, where Taylor played, freshman running back Duke Johnson wears a hoodie with Taylor's photo and the words "When it's all you have, it's no longer just a game."

He isn't the only player who was deeply affected when Taylor was shot to death in Miami.

"Man, Sean Taylor is really legendary," Miami senior cornerback Brandon McGee told the Sun-Sentinel. "A lot of people, when they think UM safeties, he's the first thing that comes to mind. It's just honor and respect for those who paved the way." CINDY BOREN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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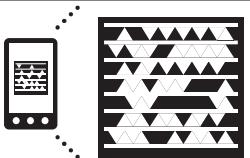
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Angus Beef

I don't know about you, but if I was 19 and making a reported \$300,000 an episode to read jokes, I wouldn't complain — even if I had to hang out with Ashton Kutcher and Jon Cryer.

Angus T. Jones, the half man from the CBS sitcom "Two and a Half Men," disagrees. The actor called the show "filth" in a video for the Forerunner Chronicles, a Seventh Day Adventist-leaning vlog. "If you watch 'Two and a Half Men,' please stop watching 'Two and a Half Men,'" Jones says. "I'm on 'Two and a Half Men,' and I don't want to be on it."

Jones isn't exactly being held against his will, but he says he can't quit because he's under contract. Yet, considering his former co-star, Charlie Sheen, was fired from "Men" (and the fact that Chevy Chase recently quit NBC's "Community," citing creative differences), Jones' personal nightmare can't last forever.

If he really wants out, comedian and "Comedy Bang! Bang!" host Scott Aukerman tweeted a solution to the problem Monday: "New sitcom idea: 'MAN.' @MrJonCryer hangs out by himself & plays video games."

Surely Jones would have no problem with that.



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Lovers and Fighters
Halle Berry's fiance and ex prolong their Thanksgiving spat **31**

No Jacket Required

Women's blazers have all but disappeared from network news

Fashion

Dresses dangled on the racks at Neiman's and Saks, and all Norah O'Donnell needed was a suit.

Earlier this year, when the veteran news anchor was scouring stores for a suit jacket to wear for her "CBS This Morning" publicity photo, she discovered what her viewers have known for years: The women's blazer is disappearing — from department stores and network news broadcasts.

"I couldn't find a nice suit jacket that wasn't black," O'Donnell says. "You used to find all kinds in blues and hot pinks. They stopped making them. That's when I thought, what's changed?"

For her head shot, O'Donnell, 38, ended up choosing a six-year-old navy Giorgio Armani blazer out of her closet, one she rarely wears except when interviewing presidents. Like so many working women in the news media and other professions, O'Donnell hasn't bought a suit in years, a surprising admission given that the newswoman spent her 20s wearing suits so she "could be taken seriously." The same can be said of seasoned anchors such as Diane Sawyer and Andrea Mitchell, who rarely graced the screen in the 1980s and '90s without lapels shielding their chests.

For decades, the suit jacket trans-



FREDERICK M. BROWN

"There has been an evolution of women's wear on television.... There are more women in media who feel comfortable about what they want to wear."

— NORAH O'DONNELL, ANCHOR OF "CBS THIS MORNING," ABOVE, EXPLAINING WHY NEWSWOMEN HAVE DIVERSIFIED THEIR WARDROBES IN RECENT YEARS

formed women into workers. With jackets required for entrance at male-dominated clubs and boardrooms, women bundled up their breasts to blend into a professional culture that predated their arrival. But in recent years, newswomen — one of the last vestiges of female suit wearers — have resoundingly dismissed them from their closets. They now flank themselves in bright sleeveless sheath dresses and stiletto heels, renouncing the once hard-and-fast edicts of television news: no bare legs, no long hair, no feminine distractions from the news. If newswomen are the most visible barometers of workplace fashion, the women's suit may one day go the way of the petticoat.

What's appropriate for female talent on television has evolved because of familiarity," says Dave Smith of SmithGeiger, a research firm that consults with news networks. "The audience has equal regard for female and male anchors. It's given women far more liberty to be feminine."

O'Donnell agrees: "There has been an evolution of women's wear on television. Part of that is the changing times, but it's also because there are more women in media who feel comfortable about what they want to wear."

KATHERINE BOYLE (THE WASHINGTON POST)



In the 1980s and '90s, Diane Sawyer was rarely seen without a suit.



Batman Begins, Again: While "The Dark Knight Rises" seemed to suggest the end of Christopher Nolan and Christian Bale's Batman series, Hitfix.com is reporting that Joseph Gordon-Levitt, left, could suit up as the Caped Crusader as soon as next year. Sources tell Hitfix that Warner Bros. is planning a "Justice League" movie for 2015 and may introduce Gordon-Levitt as Batman in next summer's Superman reboot, "Man of Steel." (EXPRESS)

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top stops

1 Chamber Music

Wrest a cappella back from teenage "Glee" fans with some academically minded warbling. Anonymous 4, an all-female singing group, has come up with "love fail," an ode to medieval literature based on the chivalric lais of 12th-century poet Marie de France. The songs have been rewritten by Pulitzer-winner David Lang, helped out by author Lydia Davis. **Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Wed., 7:30 p.m., \$38; 202-467-4600, Kennedy-center.org.** (Foggy Bottom)

2 Experimental Plague Plays

The theatrical imagination of Dog & Pony DC is boundless. Its new piece, "A Killing Game," mashes up "War of the Worlds" and Eugene Ionesco to play around with the ideas of plague and panic. You're encouraged to bring a smartphone to get the most from the show and to tweet via the show's own third-party app. **Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, 545 7th St. NW; through Dec. 22, \$5-\$40; Dogandponydc.com.** (Eastern Market)

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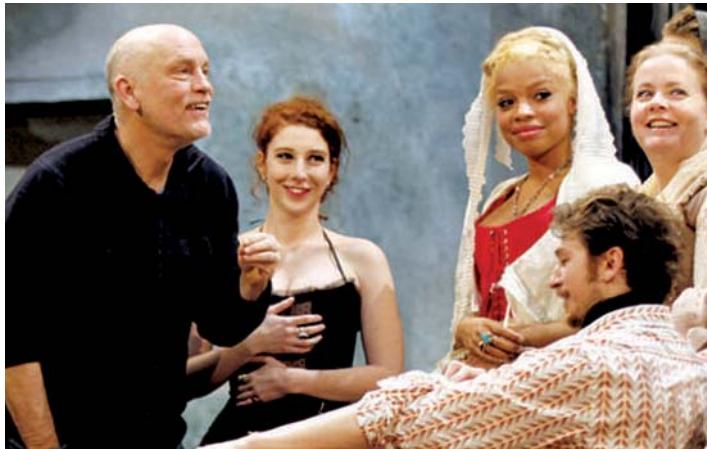
His Passion Play

Actor John Malkovich directs the role that made him a bad guy

Stage

John Malkovich has been a top-shelf slinky villain at least since playing the viper Valmont in the 1988 film "Dangerous Liaisons." He returns to the scene of the crime with his French-language "Les Liaisons Dangereuses," a production Malkovich directed for the Parisian troupe Theatre de l'Atelier. The show alights at the Shakespeare Theatre Company's Lansburgh Theatre next month.

Malkovich has long been infatuated with the sexy backstabbing of the 1782 novel by Pierre Choderlos de Laclos and the Christopher Hampton play that became the



John Malkovich, left, directs the actors from his "Les Liaisons Dangereuses."

Glenn Close-Michelle Pfeiffer-Malkovich film. (Rival film adaptations include 1999's "Cruel Intentions.")

"I had always wanted to direct it," Malkovich says. "As Baudelaire said about it, it burns, but it burns like ice. Great character study. Great

female characters. Great heart. Great cruelty. Extremely amusing."

The show is performed in French with English surtitles and features a young French cast on a largely bare stage that the actors never leave. The costumes bridge the 18th and 21st

centuries, and the characters use cellphones for the tale's racy seduction and betrayal. Nudity and adult situations are guaranteed.

"Originally, we were going to do a very big production with a very different set and known actors," he says. "But known actors only mean movie actors, and movie actors don't like committing to theater."

The cast knew of Malkovich's history with "Liaisons," but "we hardly ever discussed it," he says. Naturally, the man playing Valmont — Yannik Landrein — was curious.

"I said, 'Yannik, really: You not only already do it better than I ever could have, but I only rehearsed a couple weeks,'" Malkovich recalls. "Then when you shoot, you only do every scene one time on one day. That's not a wildly conducive atmosphere for character study."

NELSON PRESSLEY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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MIXED MEDIA

Kid Matures

Who would have thought that out of the late '90s freshman rap-rock class it would be **KID ROCK** who'd survive? "Rebel Soul," Rock's ninth album, completes his impressive transition from immature, pimped-out bullgod to slightly less immature pimped-out bullgod. It's a red-state party album that does exactly what it's supposed to do: convey its cargo of redneck anthems, heavy jams, Memphis soul homages and a vanishingly small number of rap-rock bangers with sincerity and skill. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Dominic West, left, and Romola Garai, right, dress like it's 1957 in "The Hour."

'THE HOUR'

Signs of The Times

BBC AM
9:00

Set in 1957 in the London studio of a struggling news program, the second season of "The Hour" is filled with period fashions, habits and attitudes. Like Peggy on "Mad Men," news manager Bel Rowley (Romola Garai) is a competent woman overlooked and disrespected by her male superiors. Also returning is the idealistic anchor Freddie Lyon (Ben Whishaw) and his co-host, Hector Madden (Dominic West), an alcoholic who uses his celebrity to pick up women and cheat on his wife. (UNIVERSAL CLICK)



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travel lookout

The Refund Hunt

When travel plans go awry, getting money back through an agent can take some work

Advice

Superstorm Sandy and the series of nor'easters that slammed into the East Coast last month grounded tens of thousands of travelers, including Neil Weiss.

Fortunately, most travel companies waived their usual rules, offering those delayed by the storms



By
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a refund or a credit. But not all travel companies. Weiss, based in Cherry Hill, N.J., found an unlikely roadblock to his refund: his online travel agency.

After Sandy, Weiss had to cancel a business trip to Las Vegas that he'd booked through Expedia. US Airways agreed to waive its change fee and allowed him to reschedule his flight. His hotel, Treasure Island Hotel & Casino, did not. It wanted to charge him \$200 for being a "no show," according to Expedia.

But when Weiss contacted Treasure Island directly, he heard a different story. The hotel would be happy to cancel his reservation, he was told, but because he'd made



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the booking through Expedia, a refund would be up to the agency. And Expedia wouldn't give him his money, citing its published refund policy, he says.

Weiss' case highlights one of the often unmentioned risks of booking through a travel agent: Even when an airline or hotel is willing to refund a purchase, you may still have to get past an agency's own refund rules.

In the end, Treasure Island promised to return Weiss' money. After I contacted Expedia on Weiss' behalf, the agency agreed to refund his hotel charges. A company spokeswoman said that Expedia was the merchant of record on his hotel booking, meaning that it had charged him, not Treasure Island.

So who takes your money when you're buying a travel product?

And where do you go for a refund?

When you buy through a bricks-and-mortar travel agency and pay by credit card, charges are passed through to the airline, hotel or car-rental agency and are governed by its merchant agreement, which is the contract between the company and the credit card. Refunds on credit-card purchases pass directly back to the consumer.

Bottom line: If you want to know who has your money, check your credit-card statement.

Weiss probably would have gotten his refund eventually without my involvement. He could have filed a dispute with his credit-card company. With right on his side, he would have won.

Christopher Elliot is National Geographic Traveler Magazine's reader advocate.

DISCUSSIONS

Flight Crew

I'm heading to Brussels in March. When is the best time to buy a ticket? I usually look 4-5 months out.

I'd track the prices now. Get familiar with the going rate, and when the price goes down, buy. If you see prices creeping up, don't keep waiting. That usually means seats are selling out, so fares will continue to increase. Some studies show that the best price for domestic tickets is about six

weeks out, but that does not seem to hold true for international tickets. **I'm driving from D.C. to the Midwest for Christmas and will be renting a car. How can I find the cheapest rates?**

Hotwire and Priceline are two options. My favorite, though, is Costco. We've heard that the warehouse club is great for saving money on rentals, though you have to have a membership.

How do I find a good travel agent?

I think the best way is by word of mouth. The American Society of Travel Agents also allows you to search by expertise. Some agents have access to discounts, but you should always do your own comparison pricing.

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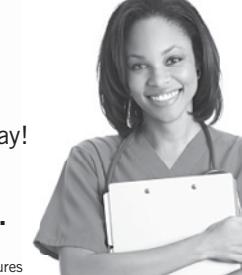
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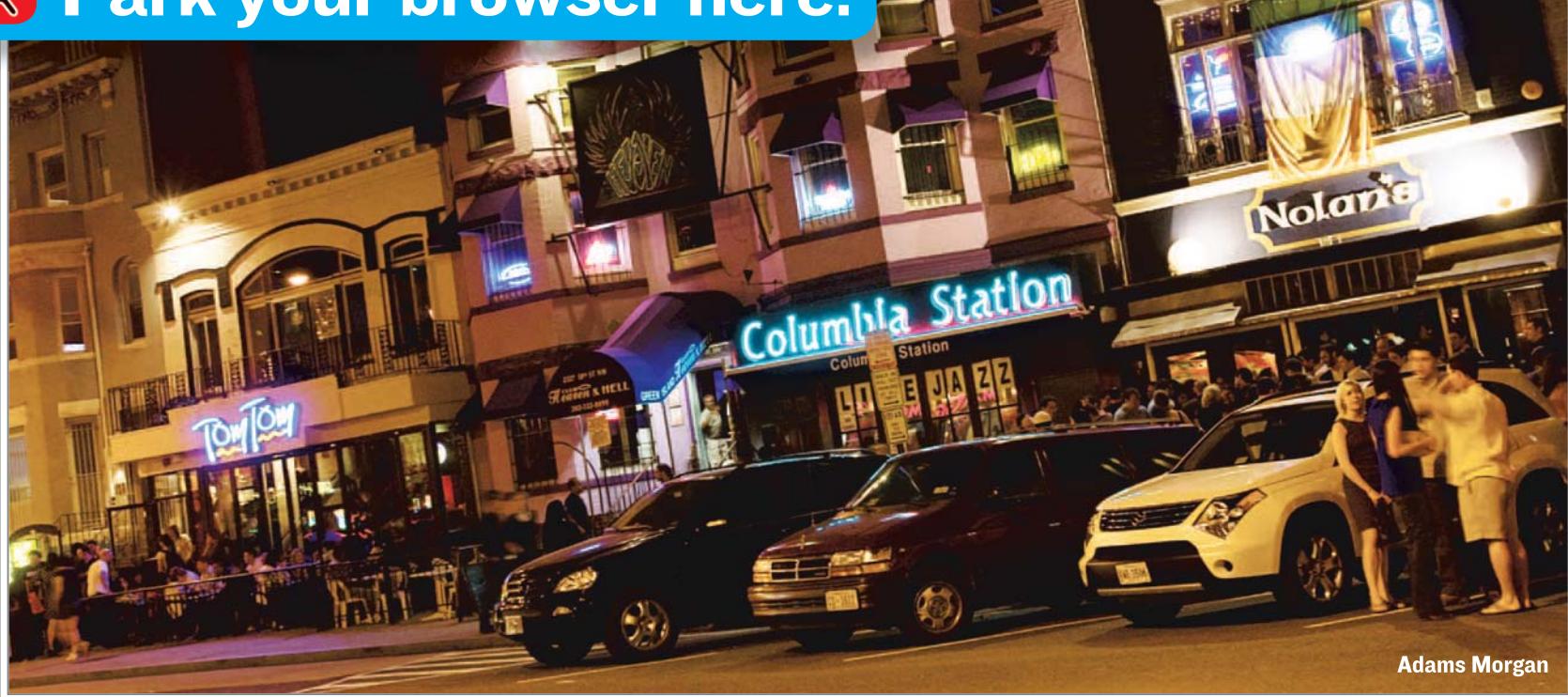
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Blog Log

"I've never heard SoNYA used before (presumably south of New York Avenue) but it looks like it comprises much of what some people call Mt. Vernon Triangle (not to be confused with Mt. Vernon Square, which I usually use). Anyone know how far south the southern border would be? Think "SoNYA" has any chance of sticking? It does have a nice ring to it..."

— PRINCEOPPETWORTH.COM offers an opinion after the Shaw Listserv published a poll Tuesday asking about ANC representation for "the Shaw, Mt. Vernon Square, NoMa and 'SoNYA' areas."

— @CHRISMPETERS is surprised by a detail in the case of Sheahan, a Detroit Red Wings prospect who was arrested with a blood-alcohol content of 0.30 on Oct. 29 in Grand Rapids, Mich. Police reports say Sheahan was wearing a purple Teletubby costume, presumably for Halloween.

"Well, hey, that Riley Sheahan drunk driving story got a whole lot weirder. Like Purple Teletubby weirder."

"For once, I wish there had been a govt cover-up. RT @TwitchyTeam: Nude activists protest in Boehner's office"

— CONSERVATIVE PUNDIT

@MICHELLEMALKIN reacts to news that three female AIDS activists who wanted to highlight the "naked truth" about potential spending cuts in HIV programs were arrested Tuesday after taking their clothes off in the lobby of House Speaker John Boehner's office.

"She did not gain all that weight in Hungary. How did she get there? She should have been able to get back. Yes, a lot of other facts to this story but if she got there, she should have been able to take the same airline back. Just sayin'"

— COMMENTER REBECCA WOOD AT HUFFINGTONPOST.COM isn't sure who's at fault for the death of Vilma Soltesz, a 425-pound woman who died in Hungary after she was not allowed on several flights back home to New York City this week. Soltesz suffered from kidney disease and diabetes.

"Why is everyone so concerned with playing Marvin [Gaye]?

The guy who plays the father is the one who's going to get the Oscar, just wait and see."

— TOM BLUNT AT WORDANDFILM.COM doesn't understand the backlash against the casting of Lenny Kravitz as the soul singer and D.C. native in a new biopic, and thinks the role of Marvin Gaye will be more important.

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Horoscope

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may be requiring a bit too much in the way of technical support today. Be sure you can make progress the old-fashioned way, too!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It may be time for you to retool your efforts in order to be more in line with the way others are doing similar things.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You're very close to an important personal goal, but the question you have to ask yourself is, "What do I do when I get there?"

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You can do something unusual in precisely the way it was meant to be done — and those in charge will surely notice the difference.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You'll want to surround yourself with those who are at once supportive and challenging. You'll need their help and inspiration!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're likely to encounter some opposition to your ideas. Still, you should be able to attract just enough support to see them realized.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may be more interested in a political issue than you have been in the past, even though it has always had an impact on your life.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You and a rival are ready to go at it again, but this time the level of respect you have for each other will be higher than usual.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You can learn a great deal by watching someone you admire do something in a way that intrigues you. You may want to try it that way, too!

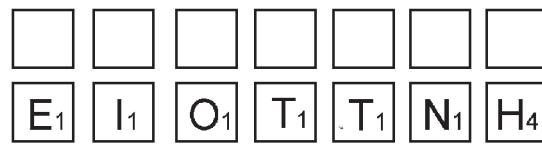
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Once you hear what someone else has planned, you'll realize that your ideas are every bit as valid — and worth the effort they entail.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You don't need anything fancy to make you happy; it's the simple things that will do the trick for you and the right companion.

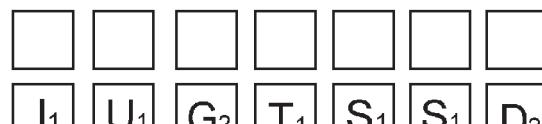
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Progress can be made in a way that takes others by surprise, but you've known for quite a while that you can make it that way.

Scrabble Grams

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Triple Word Score



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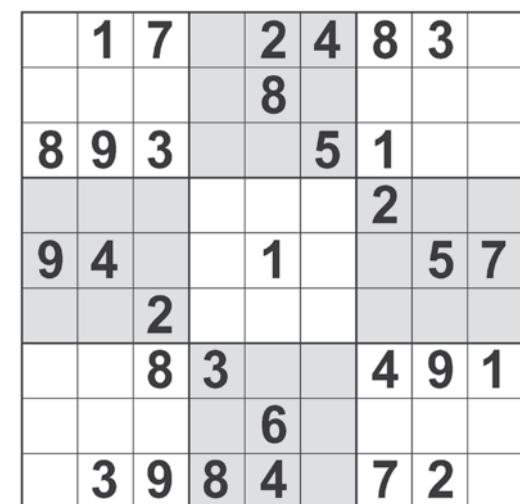
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E1	I1	D2	E1	T1	I1	C3	RACK 3 =	60
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PAR SCORE 200-210							TOTAL	263

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Sudoku

MEDIUM



Yesterday's Solution

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7	4	5	6	3	9	2	1	8
8	9	6	2	1	4	7	3	5
6	2	9	7	4	1	5	8	3
5	7	1	8	6	3	4	9	2
3	8	4	9	2	5	1	6	7
9	1	7	3	5	8	6	2	4
4	6	8	1	7	2	3	5	9
2	5	3	4	9	6	8	7	1

Need more Sudoku?
Find another puzzle in the Comics section of The Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Comics

POOCH CAFE | PAUL GILLIGAN



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | STEPHAN PASTIS



Forecast



47 | 32

Today: Partly sunny and cold today. Clear tonight.



49 | 33

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny tomorrow. Mainly clear tomorrow night.



51 | 37 | 53 | 44 | 61 | 47

Looking Ahead



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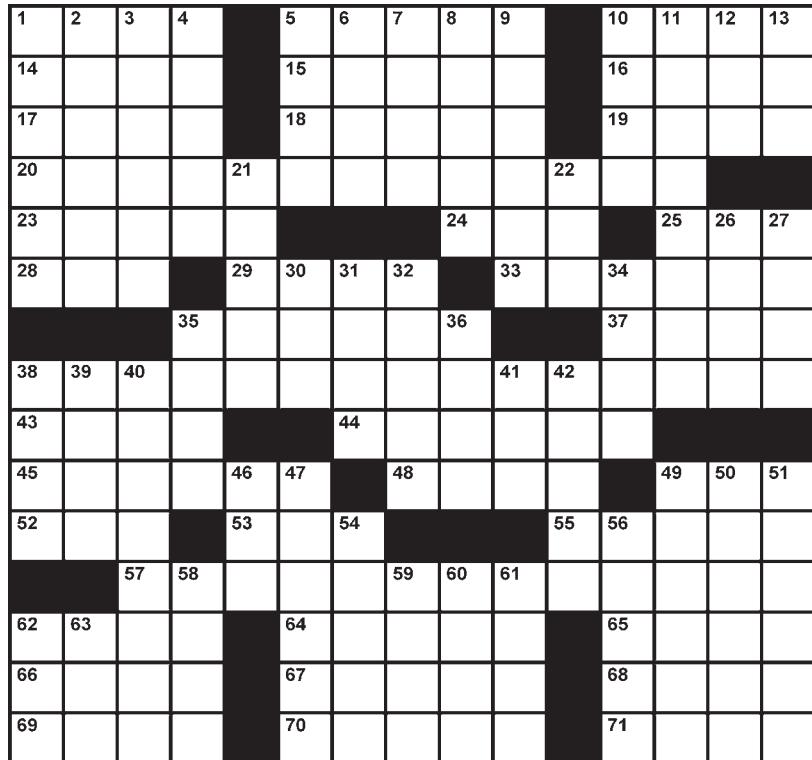
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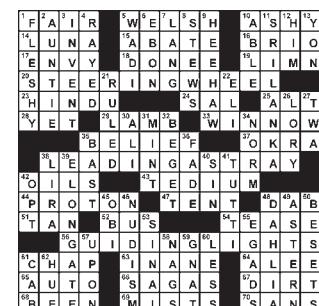


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54 "____ in Boots"
55 Winter budget item
56 For the taking
57 Unlikely to bite
58 Home to the Zagros Mountains
59 Delivered formally, as a jury
60 Pitchfork prong
61 Twinkler in the sky
62 Chum
63 July 4th honoree

5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71

Yesterday's Solution



Today in History

1520 Ferdinand Magellan reaches the Pacific Ocean after passing through the South American strait that now bears his name.

1961 President John F. Kennedy dedicates the original permanent headquarters of the CIA in Langley, Va.

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PLAN B

'Why Just the Middle East? I'm Taking on Susan Rice For the Big Job'

Rocker Andrew W.K. will not be taking his party to Bahrain. He had been tentatively invited by the U.S. Embassy in Bahrain to visit the country, but the State Department had second thoughts and rescinded the invitation, deeming him an unsuitable choice. (AP)

POLITENESS

'We're Waiting for Jen and Justin to Get Married First'

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie don't have a date set for their wedding, Pitt told "Extra" on Monday. "I don't know what's going to happen in two weeks. I certainly don't know what the new year is going to bring!" he said. "We have had some pressure from our kids. We didn't realize how much it means to them. We didn't realize how much it means to us." (EXPRESS)



"When they cast your life story, I'll just play you both," Meryl Streep said.

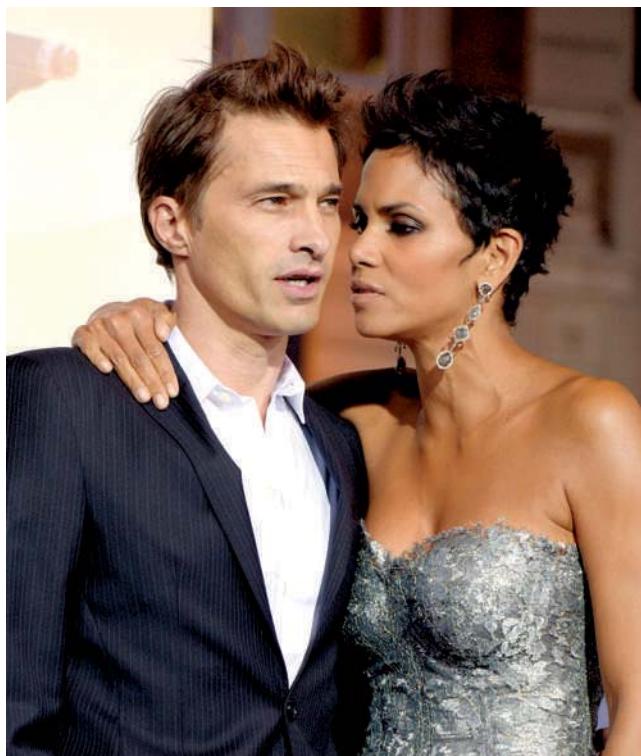
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Motivation



His Day Job Is Conflicting With a Proactiv Contract

Angus T. Jones has not, as of press time, been fired from "Two and a Half Men" following an interview in which he called the show he stars in "filth." Unnamed sources tell TMZ.com that showrunner Chuck Lorre has not revealed any information for or against a firing. Jones' reps are also mum. (EXPRESS)



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SERIOUS NEWS

Fight It Out ... in Court

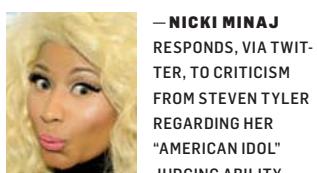
Halle Berry's ex-boyfriend claims the actress's fiance threatened to kill him during a Thanksgiving confrontation that left him with a broken rib and bruised face and under arrest. Gabriel Aubry's claims are included in court filings that led a judge Monday to grant a restraining order against Olivier Martinez, who is engaged to Berry. Aubry, 37, was arrested on suspicion of misdemeanor battery after the confrontation, but he states in the filings that he was not the aggressor and that he was threatened and attacked without provocation. Martinez told police that Aubry had attacked first. Aubry claims Martinez threatened him the day before the fight at an event at his daughter's school. (AP)

MOTIVES

This Better Be Funding Her College Education

The late Anna Nicole Smith's daughter, Dannielynn Birkhead, is making her modeling debut for Guess Kids, People.com reported. Smith was Guess' primary model in 1992. The 6-year-old "has the same playful spirit that her mother had on set," said Paul Marciano, Guess Kids' creative director. "She is a second-generation Guess girl." (EXPRESS)

"I would have sent Bob Dylan to a cornfield??? You haven't seen me judge one single solitary contestant yet!"



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